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SUBJECT: DANISH SHIPOWNERS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER PENDING U.S. OIL
CARGO PREFERENCE LEGISLATION

REF: STATE 158188

1. AT THE REQUEST OF KNUD PONTOPPIDAN, SECRETARY OF THE
DANISH SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION COMATT MET INFORMALLY WITH
HIM AND SHIPOWNERS' LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS THE ASSOCIATION'S
SERIOUS CONCERN OVER PENDING U.S. LEGISLATION ON OIL CARGO
PREFERENCE. ALTHOUGH THEIR CONCERNS ARE KNOWN IN WASHINGTON,
IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD PASS ON THE MAIN POINTS RAISED BY
THEM. THEY ARE:

A) THE PROPOSED OIL CARGO PREFERENCE IS A FORM OF U.S.

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PROTECTIONISM THAT WOULD CAUSE A DIRECT ANNUAL LOSS OF
REVENUE TO DANISH SHIPOWNERS TOTALLING 5 MILLION DOLLARS.
ADDITIONAL LOSSES WOULD BE INCURRED ON OTHER
DANISH VESSELS UNDER TIME CHARTER.

B) IMPOSITION OF OIL CARGO PREFERENCE, THEY CLAIMED,
WOULD BE CONTRARY TO U.S. COMMITMENTS TO AVOID
IMPOSITION OF TRADE BARRIERS.

C) WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT MATTERS RELATING TO THE U.S.-DANISH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION WERE WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT, THEY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THAT TREATY, PARTICULARLY ARTICLE XIX. THEY ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANY CLAUSE THAT WOULD PERMIT EITHER SIGNATORY TO "ESCAPE" OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. COMMENT: DANISH SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION APPEARS GENUINELY CONCERNED OVER THE PROPOSED OIL CARGO PREFERENCE. WHILE THEY REGARD THE ISSUE AS AN UP-HILL BATTLE, THEY STILL HOPE THAT IMPOSITION OF U.S. OIL CARGO PREFERENCE CAN BE AVOIDED.
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